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Application Number	09/936,403
Filing Date	September 11, 2001
First Named Inventor	Hall et al.
Group Art Unit	1751
Examiner Name	John R. Hardee
Attorney Docket Number	CM2083
Confirmation Number	3796

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
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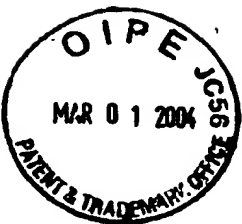
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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Case Docket No. CM2083

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an AMENDMENT for the patent application:

Inventor(s): Hall et al. Confirmation No. 3796

Serial No.: 09/936,403 Group Art Unit: 1751

Date Filed: September 11, 2001 Examiner: John R. Hardee

Title: Fabric Softening Component

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3. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a) to grant any extension of time needed for timely response to the Office Action dated 01/02/04 in the above-identified application to preserve pendency of said application. The processing fee under 37 CFR §1.17 has been determined as follows: \$0 for a 0-month extension of time.
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Dear Sir:

This submission is made concurrently with the filing of an RCE in the captioned application. In response to the Office Action of 01/02/04, made Final, please amend the application and consider the following arguments in support of patentability.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.